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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE WARREN COMMISSION ASKED THE FBI IN 1964 WHY IT FAILED TO TELL THE SECRET SERVICE ABOUT LEE HARVEY OSWALD BEFORE JOHN KENNEDY'S FATAL TRIP TO DALLAS, RECORDS SHOWED WEDNESDAY.
THE BUREAU REPLIED THAT IT HAD NOT CONSIDERED OSWALD A THREAT.
IN A LETTER DATED APRIL 6, 1964, THE FBI SAID AVAILABLE INFORMATION "DID NOT INDICATE IN ANY WAY THAT HE WOULD BE A THREAT TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY....
"NOR WERE THEY (THE FACTS) SUCH AS TO SUGGEST THAT THE FBI SHOULD INFORM THE SECRET SERVICE OF HIS PRESENCE IN DALLAS OR HIS EMPLOYMENT AT THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY."
FBI RECORDS SHOW THE QUESTION WAS ONE OF 30 THE WARREN COMMISSION POSED TO THE BUREAU IN MARCH 1964 IN WHAT ONE TOP FBI AGENT DESCRIBED AS A "CROSS EXAMINATION."
IN ITS REPLIES, THE FBI SAID IT FIRST BECAME INTERESTED IN OSWALD IN 1959 WHEN IT READ A UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL STORY OUT OF MOSCOW QUOTING OSWALD SAYING HE WANTED TO RENOUNCE HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND DID NOT PLAN A RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.
AT THE TIME, THE FBI SAID, IT HAD OSWALD'S MARINE CORPS ENLISTMENT FINGERPRINT CARD ON FILE AND NOTHING ELSE, BUT IT KEPT TABS ON HIM THROUGH AMERICAN EMBASSIES AND KNEW WHEN HE RETURNED TO AMERICA.
THE BUREAU ALSO AID IT QUESTIONED OSWALD'S WIFE AND HIS BROTHER ROBERT IN 1960 TO DETERMINE IF OSWALD HAD BECOME A SOVIET AGENT.
THE WARREN COMMISSION ASKED WHY THE FBI DID NOT CONDUCT AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF OSWALD PRIOR TO 1962, WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES, AND THE FBI RESPONDED THAT IT PREFERRED TO TALK TO HIM AFTER HE ESTABLISHED RESIDENCE.
THE RECORDS SHOW FBI OFFICIALS CONFERRED ON HOW TO ANSWER THE WARREN COMMISSION'S QUERIES.
"THE COMMISSION'S QUESTIONS PROBE WHETHER THERE WAS EVIDENCE IN OUR INVESTIGATION OF OSWALD, PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION, OF A TENDENCY FOR VIOLENCE AND HENCE THE FBI SHOULD HAVE ALERTED SECRET SERVICE," FBI AGENT W.A. BRANIGAN WROTE TO AGENT W.C. SULLIVAN.
"OUR INVESTIGATION DID NOT DISCLOSE THAT OSWALD HAD A TENDENCY TO VIOLENCE," BRANIGAN SAID, AND "THIS IS CLEARLY SET FORTH IN OUR ANSWERS TO THE COMMISSION'S QUESTIONS."
LARGE SECTIONS OF THE MEMO WERE DELETED BY FBI CENSORS, ALONG WITH SOME ANSWERS TO COMMISSION QUESTIONS.
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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THERE WERE AT LEAST 1,336 SPENT RIFLE CARTRIDGE CASES SCATTERED AROUND DALLAS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY.
THEY WERE FOUND ON STREET CORNERS, RIFLE RANGES, IN PRIVATE HOMES AND AT GUN SHOPS. THE FBI ROUNDED THEM ALL UP, CARTED THEM TO WASHINGTON AND TESTED THEM ALL.
THEY CONCLUDED THAT ONLY THREE CAME FROM THE GUN THE WARREN COMMISSION CONCLUDED WAS USED TO KILL KENNEDY. THOSE THREE WERE FOUND NEAR THE GUN ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY.
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